(ii) *Capital Works*

1989-90	2596.14
1990-91	2772.67
1991-92 (Provisional) . .	3230.38

Statement

The instructions issued to all Heads of Circles in connection with faults repairs within 24 hours gives the details of the steps taken by the Government to gear up the Maintenance Service. In addition under Action Plan 'Mission Better Communication, the following steps are taken to provide better service to the subscriber.

(i) Replacement of old Telephone Instruments.

(2) Replacement of old and worn out Drop Wire upto subscriber premises.

(3) Replacement of over-head alignment by under-ground cable as practical and required.

(4) Replacement of fault prone underground cable by new ones.

(5) Replacement of old DPS by new D.P.S.

(6) Introduction of Ducts in External Plants to give protection to the cable.

(7) Proper upkeep of equipment, lines, telephone instruments and transmission systems.

Modernisation of postal system during Eighth Five Year Plan period

509. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minnister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modernise the Indian Postal System during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For modernisation of Postal Services, the following steps are being taken, during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

1. Installation of automatic integrated mail processing system in Bombay, Delhi, Madras Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta.

2. There is a proposal for introduction of satellite money order in 75 locations spread over the country.

3. Computerisation of counters for providing multiple transactions at a single window, computerisation of saving bank and postal life insurance operations.

Mass transfer in DOT

510. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Financial Express of the 25th June, 1992 under the caption "Mass transfers in DOT" involving as many as 44 Joint Secretary level officers (Dy. Director General), almost paralysing the Telecom Sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is undue delay in taking decision regarding the various tenders now under the last stages of finalisation in DOT; and

(d) if so, in what manner and by when the normal situation is likely to prevail so that work in DOT does not suffers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The orders cover the promotion of officers, posting of officers, returning from deputation, and transfer of long